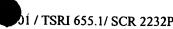




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed October 03, 2001, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action is due November 03, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

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